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24-hour Rome general strike

ROME, Feb. 24 (AFP). — A 24-hour general strike hit Rome today, although essential services such as electricity and hospitals were not affected.

The strike was called by the three major Italian unions to demand "a radical change in economic policy and the protection of employment."

Sudan seeks Arab League meet

Morocco claims it wiped out Algerians in W. Sahara

RABAT, Feb. 24 (R). — Moroccan forces wiped out an Algerian military convoy yesterday near the Western Sahara oasis of Guelta, an official source said today. There was no news of survivors in the 18-truck column which had been heading for the oasis from northern Mauritania.

The reported incident was the latest in a series of clashes between Moroccan and Algerian troops in the Sahara territory which Spain formally relinquishes to the Moroccan and Mauritanian governments at the end of this week.

Algeria backs guerillas of the Polisario Front which is seeking self-determination for the desert territory.

Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad indicated before today he was optimistic about a peaceful solution to the dispute.

He was speaking after talks with King Hassan. Mr. Riad has already conferred with President Houari Boumedienne of Algeria and he left here today for Nouakchott where he is to meet Mauritanian President Mokhtar Ould Daddah.

Mr. Riad said before leaving today: "My feeling is everyone wants a peaceful solution and this is in itself a positive step."

The Moroccan source gave no figure for casualties in the clash. Guelta had been transformed into a major fortified position by the Polisario Front guerillas, the source said. Underground shelters had been built for vehicles, troops, arms and supplies.

The source added that one of the main objectives of Moroccan strategy was to cut the route through northern Mauritania by which Algerian supplies were reaching the guerillas.

In a related development, Sudan today called for an urgent meeting of the Arab League Council of Ministers within the next four days to discuss the Western Sahara situation, league sources said in Cairo.

In a note to Mr. Mahoud Riad, the Sudanese government warned of dangers that could face the region in the wake of Spain's final withdrawal from the territory, scheduled for Feb. 28.

Lebanese cabinet tackles economic reconstruction

BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (Agencies). — The Lebanese cabinet today allocated \$46 million for reconstruction of buildings damaged or destroyed in the nine-month civil war which ended last month, with loans for owners under a sliding scale.

In addition, 23 millions was earmarked in aid for war victims, and the construction ordered of peoples' dwellings in specified regions for displaced persons, cabinet official Omar Messaika said.

Arab Health Ministers were told at an Amman conference yesterday that Lebanon had 200,000 homeless and 400,000 displaced persons following the war.

Mr. Messaika said the government would also make funds available to the National Bank for Industrial and Touristic Development, to help economic reconstruction.

The emergency measures had been recommended by an economic consultative committee. But no decision was taken today on proposals for the creation of a planning and development council, and for an issue of treasury bonds worth about \$400 million.

Nearly one third of Lebanese factory workers have been thrown out of their jobs by the nine-month civil war which died

out last month, the leader of the Lebanese Trade Union Confederation acknowledged today.

Gabriel Khoury, president of the Confederation was quoted in the newspaper Al Anwar as saying the number of people employed in factories had dropped from 130,000 before the fighting to 90,000.

Syrian Foreign Minister and mediator Abdel Halim Khaddam today meanwhile continued talks here aimed at the enlargement of Prime Minister Rashid Karami's six-man cabinet into a cabinet of national union.

Mr. Khaddam was apparently trying to overcome objections by Progressive Socialist Party leader Kamal Junblatt, observers said.

In a related development Lebanon's major newspaper An-Nahar today predicted that a new cabinet of "national balance" was likely to be proclaimed within the next two days.

The daily, published by Industry Minister Ghassan Tweihi, said it was likely to be a cabinet of "established fact."

This appears to be a new formula being tried.

In an isolated incident, a group of about 100 armed men from a private militia seized 35 combat rifles today after invading municipal premises at Jounieh north of Beirut.

Arab health ministers tackle full agenda during fifth session here

WELCOME TO JORDAN. — His Majesty King Hussein meets with the Arab health ministers at the Royal Hashemite Court.

The Council of the Arab Ministers of Health held its fifth session at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel here Tuesday during which it discussed the use of Arabic as an official language by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the establishment of an Arab higher medical studies centre, the formation of the Arab Pharmaceutical Company, and the re-nomination of Dr. Abdel Hussein Taha as the Director of WHO's East Mediterranean regional centre.

As to the multi-state Arab Pharmaceutical Company, the representative of the Arab Economic Unity Council stressed that this would be complementary to, and not in competition with, individual pharmaceutical companies in Arab states.

The representatives of the two Yemens submitted reports on health conditions in their countries, and requested medical aid to combat malaria, bilharzia and tuberculosis.

The Arab health ministers visited the Hussein Medical City and also had a meeting with His Majesty King Hussein at the Royal Hashemite Court. King Hussein wished the ministers all success in realising "the noble aims for which you have met here."

Algeria has offered to donate a sum of about \$500,000 to implement the use of Arabic by WHO.

The meeting also discussed the nomination of Arab nationals to the WHO Executive Council.

Sadat, Khaled hold third round of talks

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (AFP). — He has apparently stressed that the Middle East situation could deteriorate if no new peace moves are started before May, when the U.N. ceasefire observation mandate on the Golan, between the Syrian and Israeli armies, expires, observers said.

The Beirut paper Al Anwar meanwhile reported last weekend that Saudi Arabia had agreed to give Egypt 1,000 million dollars to buy weapons from the West, now that Soviet arms supplies had dried up.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem, who flew back to Cairo yesterday, is expected to return here before Mr. Sadat leaves for Oman, an informed source said.

In an interview published in Teheran by the Iranian Pars news agency today, President Sadat declared that the Geneva Middle East Conference, adjourned more than two years ago, was the only way to peace.

If it failed, he said, it would be "a great tragedy," since the only alternative was a fifth Arab-Israeli war.

He ruled out direct talks with Israel while the Israelis occupied Arab land.

"As long as we have the initiative we must continue our impetus until a final solution is found in the presence of the parties concerned, including the Palestinians at the Geneva Conference," the Egyptian leader said.

Observers in Cairo said the Egyptian President feared a stalemate might develop after last Sunday's full implementation of the second disengagement agreement between Egypt and Israel.

Brezhnev's address reaffirms basic Soviet global posture

MOSCOW, Feb. 24, (AFP). — Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, in an opening address to the 25th Soviet Party Congress, outlined today a peace programme based on continued pursuit of East-West détente, disarmament and cooperation between socialist and capitalist nations.

Speaking before 5,000 Soviet delegates and about 100 representatives of foreign communist parties at the Kremlin, Mr. Brezhnev stopped twice to rest during delivery of the five-hour 15-minute report.

The first segment of the report dealt solely with Soviet foreign policy and according to Western observers, was merely a reaffirmation of the peace programme launched in 1971 at the 24th Congress. Observers found no surprises or deviations from the policy put forward repeatedly by Soviet leaders in the past five years.

He accused China of adopting a policy "openly directed against the majority of socialist states" and of allying itself with "the enemies of détente."

He pledged that the Soviet Union would continue "to wage a battle of principle and an intransigent struggle against Maoism."

At the same time the Soviet Union was prepared to "normalize" relations with China, Mr. Brezhnev said. A diplomat observed that this was the "policy of the carrot and the stick."

Vis a vis the United States, the General Secretary used the same procedure accusing "influential forces in the U.S." of opposing détente and of attempting to interfere in Soviet domestic affairs. "Naturally," he said, "we cannot and do not agree to that."

Expressing satisfaction at cooperation with Western Europe and particularly with France, Mr. Brezhnev however criticised the "mass media in Western countries" for developing "an anti-communist and anti-Soviet demagoguery in the style of the cold war."

According to the Soviet leader, "our final goal has always been and remains general and total disarmament."

In the second segment of his report Mr. Brezhnev gave a high

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Executive Secretary Wanted

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marriage on the rocks

Feb. 24 (AFP). — A separation has been drawn up by a New York actor Richard Burton and actress Elizabeth Taylor, but has not yet been signed, learned here today.

Burton and Miss Taylor, married for the third time in 1964, were divorced in 1973 and last October 10 in Botswana.

Reagan race draws top in N. Hampshire vote

New Hampshire, Fred Harris of Oklahoma.

As the voting got under way today, election officials reported near perfect skies outside some polling stations here and in the state's largest towns—Manchester, Nashua and Salem.

On Monday night Ronald Reagan lost his normal campaign cool for the first time.

The incident came during a question-and-answer session in last-minute campaigning for New Hampshire's primary election.

Reagan's loss of temper was remarkable in that he had previously campaigned in New Hampshire for 11 days in the past month without once departing from a relaxed style.

The crowd at the session jeered the young questioner and cheered Mr. Reagan as he continued talking about his pet themes.

Israel announces defence budget

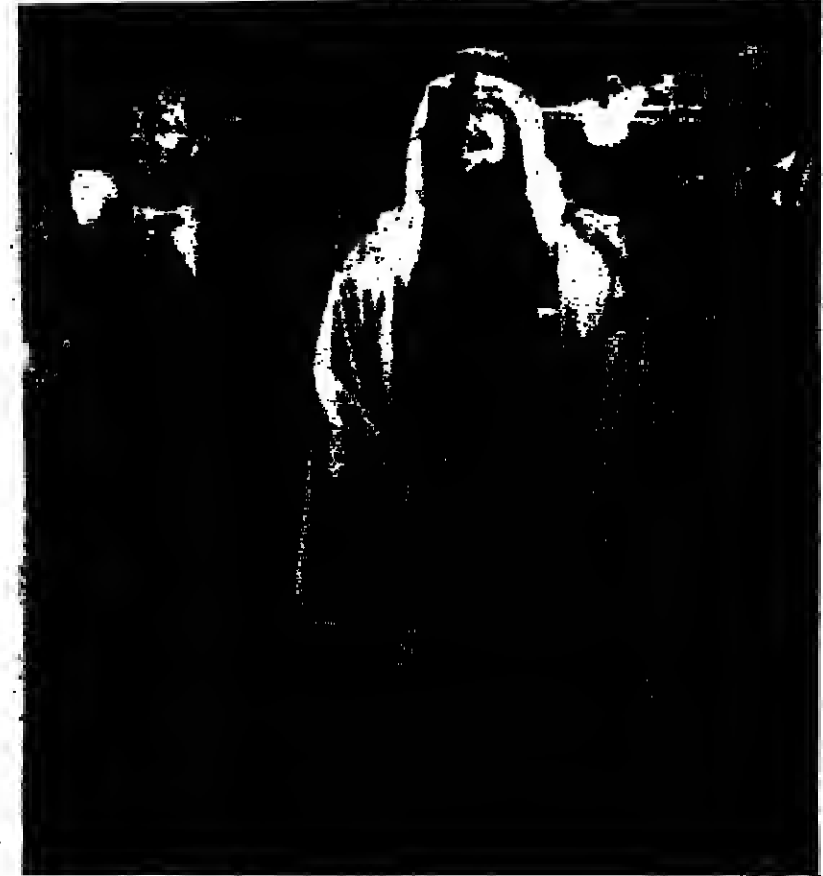
Jerusalem, Feb. 24 (Agencies). — Israel today announced a defence budget for the coming year of 33,000 million Israeli pounds (\$4,400 million) or about 35 per cent of its gross national product.

Mr. Yehoshua Rabinowitz, the Finance Minister, told the Knesset (parliament) this outlay compared with only between seven and eight per cent of the GNP spent by the U.S. on defence and three to four per cent spent by European countries.

The figure for Israel a decade ago, he added had been only 10 per cent.

The defence outlay was part of a national budget of 85,200 million Israeli pounds (\$11,540 million) for the 1976 fiscal year, which the minister presented to parliament.

It compared with a revised 1975 budget of 65,500 million (Continued on page 6)



SWORD DANCE. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (left) and his host King Khaled of Saudi Arabia (centre) exercise the traditional Saudi 'Sword Dance' during a party Sunday night. Egypt's Premier Mamdouh Salem is seen at right.

concludes

can tour

Feb. 24 (AFP). — Secretary of State Alexander Haig concluded an American tour of Central America today, after a week of intensive talks with the governments of the United States and Central American countries.

Mr. Haig, who arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, today, said he had a "productive" meeting with Costa Rican President Rodrigo Chaves Faria.

He added that the United States will not tolerate the "sovereignty of non-interventionism."

Mr. Haig is accompanying on his tour of Central America, Colombia and Guatemala, a group of American officials, including the US ambassador to the region, who will be in the region for several days.

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Defence of what?

Israel Tuesday announced a defence budget for the coming year of a whopping 33 billion Israeli pounds (\$4.4 billion), which is about 35 per cent of the country's gross national product, (the total value of its goods and services).

Ten years ago, the percentage spent on defence in Israel was about ten per cent.

It is noteworthy that the Israeli Finance Minister Mr. Rabinowitz, in announcing the budget, paid tribute to the United States as "a loyal friend." That's putting it mildly. Nobody would flinch an eyelid if he were to come out and thank the United States for being a nice daddy, in view of the fact that, as Mr. Rabinowitz announced, the United States will give Israel military aid in 1976-77 worth \$1.5 billion.

These are staggering sums of money for one country to allocate to its military, let alone to pass it off under the misnomer of "defence." One thinks back to the Vietnam war days in the United States, when some of the anti-war protesters suggested the Department of Defence change its name to the Department of War. Along these same lines, the Israelis might think of calling their Defence Ministry the Expansion and Annexation Ministry, or something of the sort.

What is all this money for, and why is Israel asking the United States for long-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads?

Why is it that a state supposedly seeking peace in the Middle East has more than tripled the relative size of its military allocations within the span of ten years, a decade during which it has also grabbed and tried to annex huge tracts of Arab territory many times larger than what the original designers of the Israeli state said they were seeking in the area in the first place?

Many years ago, European and North American Zionists were talking in vague terms of a national homeland for the Jews in Palestine, some form of sanctuary where they would be able to live a life in peace, unbothered and unburdened by those whose personal prejudices caused them to shun or despise the Jew. That vague idea of a national home has subsequently been translated into the reality of an armed camp that has not ceased to expand its borders, expel the Arabs it finds under its rule and continually ask the world's Jews to come and settle there.

The original humanitarian concept of a Jewish homeland, always welcomed by the Arabs, has been blasphemed and besmirched by the contemporary Israeli state that now seeks to maintain its foothold in the Middle East by virtue of an arms budget of \$4.4 billion and the propping up of a "loyal friend" nurturing a formidable pipeline of phantoms, napalm and money. This, also, is the reality of the modern state of Israel.

For them to boast of their defence budget and maintain their intransigence in making peace with the people they uprooted — the Palestinians — is nothing less than a sad, large black mark on the dictates of a religious ethic otherwise noble and compassionate. The Israelis and their loyal friends should sit back now and then and take a look at where they have reached and what they have become. If they seek to become anything more humane than one large army base with a life-line across the North Atlantic to some mystical Virginia office complex, they would be well advised to do this before another ten years go by and their defence budget increases another several hundred per cent.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The authorisation of Israel to the United States to offer new peace initiatives brings along with its suspicions regarding the real motives of Israel behind such a move, Al-Ra'i said Tuesday.

Such an Israeli move brings with it two possibilities:

1. The Israeli initiative might be intended to transfer the hard-line policy from Tel-Aviv to Washington, since Israeli policies are currently encircled by the international community. This Israeli move will leave Washington to bare the consequences of such new initiatives.

2. The initiative might be a joint American-Israeli gimmick as a result of Rabin's visit to Washington to bring new fire to the Arab stand after the previous ones were put by Kissinger through his step-by-step diplomacy.

Israel is playing the game very efficiently, knowing the fact it is an American election year and realising that the effects of the Zionist lobby dur-

ing such occasions have a decisive role, Al-Ra'i said.

It is intended from the second American-Israeli step-by-step policy to bring about more division among the Arab ranks which would enable Israel in the long run to entrench and solidify its occupation while the Arabs continue on hickering, the paper concluded.

Ad Dustour paper called upon the fifth Arab health ministers conference currently being held in Amman to lay down an Arab health policy for complete amalgamation of all health systems in the Arab World.

Complete amalgamation would bring the Arab individual to a good and healthy condition which would enable him to shoulder the responsibilities of development and carry on a relaxed life, which is far beyond the strained situation now, the paper said.

Ad Dustour also called for an Arab plan to lift the health standard in the occupied Arab territories so the citizens there can continue their heroic resistance against the Israeli occupation, keeping in mind that such a plan needs through discussion and implementation.

JD 347,000 for municipalities, local councils

AMMAN, (JT). — The Municipal Credit Fund will grant J.D. 347,000 as loans to 24 Municipalities and Local Councils it was decided here following a meeting of the Fund Tuesday chaired by Mr. Ismail Armouti, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs.

These sums will be allocated for various water and electricity projects as well as the construction of school buildings in the Municipalities concerned.

Islamic Economic Conference holds Mecca session

MECCA. — The International Islamic Economic Conference, meeting here Tuesday debated three main topics: banks without interest rates, a financial policy for alms (Zakat) and economic development within an Islamic context.

Mecca Radio said these were significant questions which had to be worked out in conformity with Islamic law which prohibits usury, urges the giving of alms and permits investments of all kinds.

The conference, which opened Saturday, is the first of its kind and group representatives from thirty-five Muslim countries.

Addressing Tuesday's meeting the Saudi Minister of Information said the Muslim World needs to make a serious attack on its developmental problems.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

● The United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA) who had decided to transfer temporarily its offices from Beirut to Amman will tomorrow take possession of its new Headquarters situated in the old building of the Income Tax Department in Jabal Amman.

● His Majesty King Hussein has sent a cable of congratulation to His Highness the Emir of Kuwait on the occasion of the Kuwaiti National Day.

● Necessary measures have been taken, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities sources said, Tuesday, to transform the Aqaba House of Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali into a national museum which will contain the furniture used by Sharif Hussein as well as oriental souvenirs.

WHAT'S GOING ON

BRITISH COUNCIL:

6.00 p.m. English for special purposes, teachers seminar.
 U.S.I.S. 7.00 p.m.
 Film: Alister Cooke Part 4 "Inventing a Nation."



FREE ZONE AGREEMENT: Mr. Hashim Dabbas (left) Jordanian Under Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, confers with Dr. Taha Bahi (right), Syrian Director General of the Free Zone Corporation, in Der'a, the Syrian border city.

Free Zone agreement discussed in Dera'

DER'A (Syria). — Practical trial Free Zone have been decided upon during a working session of representatives of the two countries here Tuesday.

Pentagon general leaves Jordan

AMMAN. — General Joseph Fix, Director of Military Sales in the Pentagon, left here Tuesday morning after a week long visit during which he met with Lieutenant General Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker the Armed Forces Commander in Chief. He was seen off at the airport by the Chief of Staff and the American Military Attache.

Jordan, Belgium to conclude transport agreement

AMMAN. — Belgium has informed the Jordanian government of its wish to conclude a land transport agreement to facilitate transportation of goods between the two countries, said Mr. Ya'coub Haddad, Director of Transport at the Ministry of Transport. The Government, he added, welcomes such an agreement and will study the Belgian request prior to drawing up a draft agreement to be discussed by the two parties.

Bahjat Talhouni meets Syrian women federation head

AMMAN. — Mr Bahjat Talhouni Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament received Tuesday Mrs Hajer Sadek member of parliament in the Syrian People's Council and Head of the Women Federation there. Discussions centred on the integration steps achieved by the two countries which, Mr Talhouni said, "are being felt by every citizen in both Syria and Jordan."

Alia signs agreement w Syrian Airways, talks with Iranians

AMMAN, (JT). — Syrian Arab national airline Alia and Syrian Airways have decided to run regular daily flights on their internal air network linking the airports of the two countries as of May 1, 1976.

The internal flights using Jordanian Boeing and Syrian Caravelles will fly between Amman, Damascus, Aleppo, Latakia and Deir Az Zor, at the rate of one journey per day.

A joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee for civil aviation and air transport took the decision at the conclusion of its meeting in Damascus Monday.

A special tariff rate was introduced, which will enable Jordanians and Syrians to travel by air to the cities of the two countries quickly and on easy terms.

It was understood that Alia will run three weekly flights between Amman and Damascus, two flights between Amman and Aleppo and one between Amman and Deir Az Zor, while Syrian Airways will run three trips between Damascus and Amman. This is in addition to the original regular flights between the two countries' airports.

The Alia delegation, headed by the Director of Sales and Marketing, returned to Amman Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Alia and the Iranian

Trade agreement signed with India

AMMAN. — An and commercial agreement between India and Jordan signed here Tuesday. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The agreement consolidates and develops commercial and economic relations between the two countries and also stipulates the exchange of goods and services, and the exchange of information and the establishment of joint industries.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the Minister of Industry and Commerce. The Indian ambassador to Jordan signed on behalf of India.



PARLIAMENTARY MEETINGS. — Bahjat Talhouni pictured during his meeting with Hajir Sadik in Amman.

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 6.10 Walt Disney
 7.00 Lucy show
 8.00 News in Arabic
 CHANNEL 3:
 7.30 Sports programme
 8.30 Arabic series
 CHANNEL 6:
 7.30 News in Hebrew
 7.45 Varieties
 8.30 Inspector Briggs
 9.00 Shadow of the tower
 10.00 News in English
 10.15 Kojac

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES:

6.50 Aqaba
 7.20 Beirut
 8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)
 10.00 Cairo
 10.35 Athens, Amsterdam (K.L.M.)
 10.45 Bucharest (Taroom)
 12.00 London
 18.30 Cairo (E.A.)
 18.40 Bahrain, Abou Dhabi, Muscat (G.A.)
 19.00 Kuwait, Dhahran
 19.30 Abou Dhabi, Dubai
 19.30 Baghdad (I.A.)

ARRIVALS:

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 18.45 Baghdad (I.A.)

Radio

[ON 856 KHZ]

7.00 Breakfast show.
 7.30 News Bulletin
 7.45 Morning Melodies
 12.00 Pop session (part I)
 13.00 News Summary
 13.03 Pop session (part II)
 14.00 News Bulletin
 14.10 Radio magazine
 14.30 Melody time
 15.00 Classical Music
 15.30 Light Instrumentals
 16.00 Old Favourites
 16.30 Easy listening
 17.00 Studio one
 18.00 News Summary
 18.05 Listener's choice
 18.30 Science report
 18.45 Break for music
 19.00 News Bulletin
 19.10 News reports
 19.30 Sign off.

Market Price

Apples (Double Red) 200—240
 Apples (Golden) 120—160
 Apples (Starken) 120—160
 Bananas 150—190
 Bell pepper 90—120
 Beets 50—65
 Cabbage 40—60
 Cauliflower 40—55
 Chestnuts 300—330
 Carrots (Yellow) 40—70
 Carrots (Black) 50—80
 Cucumbers (Small) 250—310
 Cucumbers (Large) 150—200
 Grapefruit 30—50
 Garlic 50—80
 Lemon 80—110
 Lettuce (Large) 60—80
 Lettuce (Small) 30—50
 Hot Pepper 300—360
 Horse Beans 140—160
 Marrow (Small) 200—240
 Marrow (Large) 100—150
 Onions 120—160
 Oranges (French) 60—80
 Oranges (Local) 50—80
 Oranges (Naval) 70—100
 Potatoes (Egyptian) 75—
 Potatoes (Local) 100—130
 Tomatoes 70—110

Tonight's Emergencies

DOCTORS:

Dr. Naief Khadra (44477)
 Dr. Faik Kaddoumi (5587)

PHARMACIES:

Khifan (44198)
 Hussein (38410)
 Hikmah (36571)

TAXIS:

Jerusalem (36655)
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 Faisal (22051)

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French and British airlines challenge York's ban on Concorde flights

24 (AFP). — Air By prohibiting Concorde from landing at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York would deny the supersonic plane the rights already enjoyed by "older aircraft which make more noise than Concorde," Mr. Cavaille charged.

"We will take this decision to the courts and argue that it runs counter to the U.S. Constitution. Later we shall see whether it must be taken to the diplomatic level," he added.

French sources said the airlines would base their arguments against the New York State decision.

view, Mr. Cavaille cannot but react to the New York State decision. We will take it to the courts. We will Air France and

Mr. Cavaille said the New York State decision is "discriminatory" against the airlines.

Thailand negotiates over control of American advisers

BANGKOK, Feb. 24, (AFP). — Thailand has given the United States until the end of this month to agree to a set of conditions aimed at controlling American advisers and technicians who will be remaining here after the American pullout deadline on March 20.

Thailand negotiates over control of American advisers

The Bangkok daily paper quoting a high level government source, said Thailand could not negotiate the American request to retain 4,000 advisers, in Thailand until the conditions had been agreed to.

Thailand is reportedly insisting that Americans shall come under the jurisdiction of Thai laws and that the Americans help train Thai technicians in the handling of sophisticated equipment.

Light shed on China's new cultural revolution

24 (AFP). — consists of an encouragement to carry out well the spring work, but at the same time it states that "the struggle between two classes, two roads and two political lines" is "being waged fiercely in the countryside."

The editorial revealed for the first time the full version of a Mao Tse-tung quotation that was at the roots of the movement: "What does it mean, to take as a keyline the three directives? Stability and unity does not mean the suppression of the class struggle."

This quotation constitutes an almost-direct criticism of Mr. Teng by the chairman of the Chinese party.

This point is not as obscure as it appears: the official press had explained a few days ago that the "right deviationists" were wrong in putting the three instructions from Chairman Mao on the same footing without giving precedence to one of them concerning "the study of the theory of the proletarian," in other words, on the

decision on the fact that use of air space was a federal matter and that a state could not overrule the decision by U.S. Transportation Secretary William Coleman granting provisional landing rights to Concorde.

In London, British Airways Director General Henry Marking expressed his "regrets" over the decision. A spokesman for the airline said, however, that he had not lost hope of seeing Concorde operating out of New York.

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Ghandi: state of emergency will not be lifted

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24, (Agencies). — Indian Premier Mrs. Indira Gandhi today made it clear that the state of emergency imposed last June would not be lifted until opposition parties stopped staging strikes and other forms of civil disobedience.

Mrs. Gandhi told a public meeting near Aurangabad, in Maharashtra State, that according to information she had received opposition parties had not changed their attitudes on these issues.

Political observers here understood Mrs. Gandhi's remarks to mean that the emergency and detentions would continue and that she is not interested in talks with opposition spokesmen such as socialist leader N. G. Goray who has written to the prime minister proposing a dialogue.



FOUR MORE FIGHTS. — Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, at a press conference in New York Monday, reveals plans for four more fights during 1976.

British envoy arrives in Rhodesia Wednesday

SALISBURY, Feb. 24, (AFP). — Lord Greenhill, the former head of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, will arrive here on Wednesday for talks with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith on the country's constitutional deadlock. It was officially announced here today.

The Prime Minister's office said Lord Greenhill's visit resulted from an exchange of messages between the two governments.

The British envoy will meet Mr. Smith as the official representative of British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, the statement added.

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Meanwhile African nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo today rejected suggestions that rival nationalist groups should participate in the current constitutional talks to find a solution to Rhodesia's political problems.

Mr. Nkomo told a news conference that Bishop Abel Muzorewa's rival faction of the African National Council (ANC) were self-appointed leaders and not the elected leaders of the Rhodesian blacks.

Asked if, in re-entering the search for a solution, the British government would seek to include the Muzorewa faction, Mr. Nkomo said "The British have been pushed to do this (enter the talks) and they know who did it. The British have to take note of what I say because I am the elected leader of the people and I talk with that authority."

Mr. Nkomo also rejected reports that the British government planned itself to stage the Rhodesian constitutional conference.

Britain would have to take part in the current conference between the Nkomo ANC faction and the Rhodesian Government, he said.

Portuguese Council urges general elections for April

LISBON, Feb. 24, (R). — the pact to be signed later in the day or tomorrow.

Among the other topics due to be debated was a draft constitution plan for the Portuguese Azores islands which steps only just short of full independence.

Mrs. Peron faces Peronist pressure to reshuffle cabinet

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 24, (R). — Argentine President Maria Estela Peron was threatened today with a possible revolt by a group of key supporters demanding changed policies.

Informed sources said the group would probably throw its weight behind congressional efforts to have Senora Peron removed from office.

The 45-year-old widow President had a two-hour meeting last night with the group of senior members of the Peronist Movement, who were demanding a cabinet reshuffle to remove Senora Peron's right-wing personal advisers.

The group also sought immediate action to curb inflation, currently running at more than 300 per cent a year.

The Peronists fear that the armed forces might oust Senora Peron by force unless she changes her policies.

Senora Peron said last week she would not stand in the next presidential elections, scheduled for December 12. But she has stubbornly resisted pressure to resign or to change her advisors.

The group of 10 Peronists were non-committal when they left the President's office last night.

The only comment to reporters was from labour leader Adalberto Wimer who said that "all our worries and analyses of the situation have been presented to the President for her to take the decisions she deems appropriate."

TAX PAYER ASSISTANCE FOR UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX

A representative of the United States Internal Revenue Service will provide taxpayer assistance to all persons wishing to file a United States Federal Income Tax return. The representative will offer half-day seminars from 0900 to 1200 hours on Sunday March 7, 1976 and Monday March 8. In addition he will be available for assistance on a walk-in basis from 1330 to 1600 hours on March 7 and March 8, the morning and afternoon of March 9 and the morning of March 10.

Both the seminars and the walk-in assistance will be at the American Center (USIS) just off Third Circle. All who have tax questions or problems are urged to use the services of the IRS representative which are provided free of charge.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The 1975 Act requires that an application for registration be received by State election officials at least 30 days before election day in order to be given consideration. Absentee ballots must be received by State officials no later than the time the polls are closed on election day in order to be counted.

For further information contact the U.S. Embassy Consular Section between the hours of 8-4:30 Saturdays through Wednesday.

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New Wall Street trends mirror rise in share prices

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, (AFP). — American firms are looking to Wall Street for new capital issues, as a result of the good rise in share prices, financial observers said today.

A banking group who announced the issue of two million ordinary shares early this week said that this kind of operation would be more common in the coming months.

If the trend is confirmed, it could mean that share issues by U.S. firms this year will total some \$ 12 billion to \$ 15 billion.

Such a figure would compare with \$ 11.1 billion last year.

At the same time, according to the experts, bond issues could drop to somewhere between \$ 18 billion and \$ 25 billion compared with the record amount last year.

According to usually reliable sources, one giant corporation U.S. Steel may shortly announce a share issue.

Analysts noted that the interest of manufacturing industry in using Wall Street indicated a change of direction. Recently Wall Street has been dominated by the Electricity companies and other utilities.

They also said groups as a whole were more interested at the moment in boosting their capital, especially to procure money to finance investments. It was fair to say that many firms were hoping to get onto the rising Wall Street curve.

In Washington meanwhile, Gerald Parsky, in charge of international questions at the Treasury, denied that the government planned to control foreign investors in this country.

He told the Senate Foreign Trade sub-committee that such investment was such a small part of the total that there were sufficient safeguards against any abuse of the system.

The advantages far outweighed the drawbacks and there is

no evidence of any trend toward the takeover of important segments of U.S. industry by foreign interests.

In particular "the managers of OPEC have indicated to us that they have no desire to gain any control over major segments of the U.S. economy".

Insurers get off lightly after Guatemalan quake

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AFP). — The recent earthquake in Guatemala will cost local and foreign insurance companies in the region of \$75 million according to a report drawn up by a London insurance expert.

Insurance officials said the sum was relatively small in view of the large amount of damage compared with the \$150 million paid out by insurance companies after the cyclone which hit Darwin, Australia, at Christmas in 1974.

They said the worst of the earthquake damage was in areas where the inhabitants did not have the means to take out anti-earthquake insurance policies.

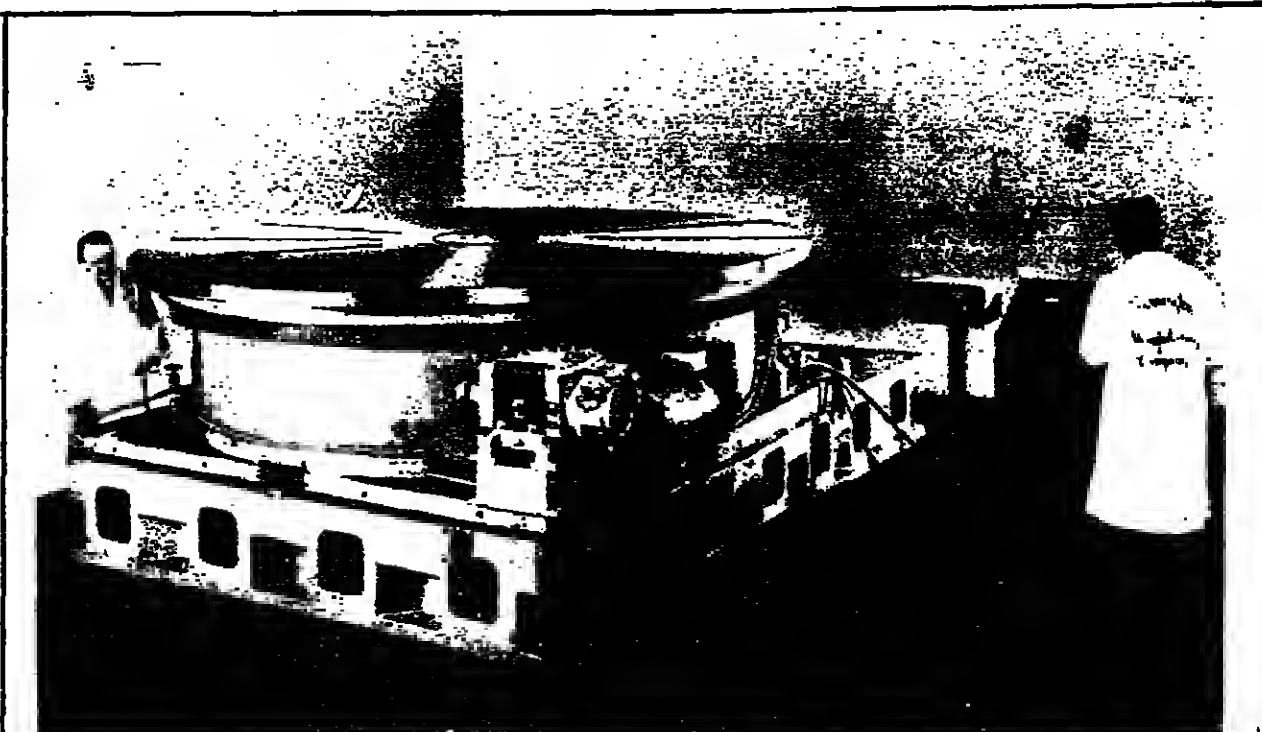
Much of the \$75 million was expected to be paid out by London companies among which Guatemalan companies spread their risks.

U.S. wheat for Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (AFP). — The United States will sell Egypt one million tons of wheat this year, the newspaper Al Gomhouriya reported today.

Agriculture Minister Osman Ali Badran announced the purchase yesterday before the Agricultural Affairs and Irrigation Committee of the People's Party.

Egypt will start paying for the consignment at five per cent interest after a five-year period of grace, the newspaper added.



Auto, Aircraft and Ship indexing: Numerically controlled rotary tables ranging in diameter from 0.3 m. to 6.5 m. are now available, capable of holding up to 150 tons. These rotary tables float on frictionless bearings and incorporate precise indexing to within seconds of arc. (Photo by IPS).

Call for conservation conversation in Cod War

The conservation issue has loomed large in the present dispute between Britain and Iceland over cod fishing in international waters off the Icelandic coast. Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary Mr James Callaghan told a press conference early this month that Britain could not accept the right of the Iceland Government to stop British trawlermen fishing in international waters, in the absence of an agreement between the two countries.

But he said that whether or not British trawlers were left to fish in peace, the British would keep in mind prominently the need to conserve fish stock. During the dispute trawlermen have been respecting conservation areas, and Mr Callaghan told journalists that the British were considering exercising voluntary restraint in their fishing activities around Iceland even in the absence of any agreement.

Despite the British policy of observing conservation rules, it was a breach of these rules which Iceland claimed as the excuse for an Icelandic patrol boat to cut the warps of the British trawler Loch Eriboll, thereby precipitating a new flare-up what has become known as the second cod war.

The Ministry of Defence an-

nounced because of harassment by Iceland coastguard vessels two British naval frigates, the Juno and the Diomedea, were being sent to guard the fishing boats.

Iceland's Prime Minister Mr G. Hallgrímsson claimed that the Loch Eriboll had been fishing within a protected fish conservation area. But it turned out that Iceland declared those particular waters a conservation area only this week, and the Icelandic Government had not bothered to inform the British Government of this fact.

Britain has still not received notification or proof that new conservation areas declared by Iceland in international waters are genuine areas. British scientists do not agree with Icelandic scientists on the state of the cod stocks in the area. And it happens that these new conservation areas are ones where British trawlers do most of their fishing.

The British Government's attitude to the old and new conservation areas is expected to be made known soon, but in the meantime British policy is that trawlers are advised to respect the conservation areas specified in the 1973 agreement with Iceland.

The return of the Royal Navy to the fishing ground was a matter which depended on the actions of the Icelandic Government. Mr Callaghan made it clear to journalists that if the Icelanders did not harass British trawlers fishing in international waters the navy would have no cause to go back in, and the British Government was prepared to take up Icelandic suggestions for further talks on a short-term fishing agreement.

He emphasised that if the talks were to proceed on any satisfactory basis then British fishermen should be able to fish unmolested.

Even after the navy was forced to return there was still hope in Britain that negotiations could take place. "Talk to us," Hattersley asked the Ice-

landers over the BBC.

"Talk to us in a way which is a real conversation, not just a refusal to meet any of our points or advance any concrete proposals—but a talk which is intended to end with a compromise. That is the appeal we

Appeal to Arab financiers to help Beirut businesses

KUWAIT, Feb. 24 (AFP). — An appeal for Arab investors to put money into Lebanon was issued here by the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce at the end of a two-day meeting.

The union also urged them to advance longterm loans to Lebanese businessmen as a means of helping the economy reeling from 10 months of civil disturbances.

Adnan Kassar, President of the Beirut Chamber of Commerce, said that during the civil conflict, the Lebanese economy lost about \$4.5 billion.

However, as regards property investments most of this was concentrated in the New Hamra commercial zone in Beirut

Asia gets fewer oil dollars now

SINGAPORE, Feb. 24 (AFP). — Fewer oil dollars than expected will reach Asia a leading French banker said here today.

Michel Caplain, President of Compagnie Financière de Suez, said oil dollar surpluses had turned out less than forecast, owing to lower oil consumption in main industrial countries and greater use of oil revenues by the Middle East nations.

Consequently there were fewer oil dollars to go round and the tendency was to invest them where returns were best.

If an adequate return was possible in the Asian region, more oil dollars would move this way, Mr. Caplain said.

He was here for the opening of the Headquarters of Indosuez, which was formed from Banque Indochine and Banque de Suez last year.

New York deals crushing blow to Concorde hope

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, (AFP). — The New York State Legislature last night adopted a bill prohibiting landings of the supersonic airliner Concorde at Kennedy international airport in New York City.

The bill, which must still be signed by Governor Hugh Carey bars all planes making noise greater than 108 decibels from the three airports in the New York area: Kennedy and La Guardia in New York and Newark airport in New Jersey.

Concorde does not meet that noise criterion.

British and French authorities had requested permission for the new supersonic plane to land only at Kennedy in the

New York area and Dulles national airport in Washington. On February 4, U.S. Transportation Secretary Willa man gave Federal approval on a trial basis for three per day at Dulles and day at Kennedy—but landings at Kennedy, app New York and New Jersey authorities is also required.

The three New York airports are administered by the Port Authority.

York and New Jersey comes under the joint of the two state legis-

For the bill passed New York legislature to become effective, first be signed by Carey (who has state position to Concorde I and be approved by Jersey state legislature signed by New Jersey nor Brendan Byrne.

New York's bill also U.S.-built Boeing 707, noisier than Concorde text gives the makers rican subsonic airplanes to modify them to make them conform new noise standard.

Yesterday about 1, belonging to people at Kennedy airport invading airport for about two half hours, snarling and blocking access to the terminals.

Some of them stood front of the terminal Air France and British ways—the two companies have asked to operate flights to the United States.

Demonstrators signs as "1775, first Concord—1976, second of Concorde."

In 1975, British t Concord, Massachusetts routed by American one of the first battle, American revolution.

Nice to revive cinema industry

NICE, Feb. 24, (AFP). — The largest cinema complex costing 150 million francs (about 15 million dollars) will be built on the Cot d'Azur within the next ten years, announced Mr Jacques-principle shareholder Victorine Studios in

The complex will be about ten miles from Valbonne and will cover an area of 100 hectares (250 acres). All that is needed is a permanent processing laboratory areas set aside for work.

A social and cultural will also be built, as bungalows and villas, encourage the actors to the studios.

Improvements will be made to the existing film set at Nice at the same time new complex is being new film set of 2,400 metres, the largest in the world will be made to four sets.

Nice Town Corporation which owns some of the be used for the complex to revive the Nice film industry which has been decline over recent years.

A hotel with 400 rooms also be built mainly for working on films.

Kuwait discovers substantial new oil fields

KUWAIT, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Huge new oil and gas deposits have been discovered, perhaps extending Kuwait's 'oil age' to 200 years or more hence, Oil Minister Abdel Moutaleb Al Kazimi told the newspaper Al Kabas.

He said the new discoveries could treble the proven reserves of oil in Kuwait. In particular, there was an enormous deposit of oil and gas at the Al Bourksan field which is already being exploited.

The minister also said that Kuwait was not rushing into the erection of petrochemical plants, but preferred to wait for a coordinated industrialisation programme covering the Gulf countries.

Germany develops new means of natural gas production

AACHEN, West Germany, Feb. 24 (AFP). — A group of scientists from the polytechnic school here is to study the possibility of gasifying coal directly inside mines up to a depth of 1,500 metres, it was learned here today.

The planned process consists of forcing highly-pressurised hydrogen into a seam of coal. The gas penetrates deeply into the layer of coal and turns it into natural gas after developing considerable heat.

Experts consider that 150,000 million tons of West German coal could be gasified in this way. If the plan succeeded, this country would become one of the biggest world producers of natural gas.



NEW GEAR FOR FRENCH ARMY. — A soldier is shown wearing the prototype of the new helmet of the French Army made of tungsten steel which will replace the present one dating from 1951.

Recycling used plastics

Waste plastics such as empty detergent bottles and cosmetics containers can now be recovered from domestic refuse and turned into raw materials for new plastics as a result of the development of a new type of recycling plant in Northern Ireland.

Associated Polymers (NI) of Newry in Ulster claims that its new integrated plant is the first of its type to be able to accept dirty plastics waste.

The general manager of the plant Mr. Ron Belch said that a typical example of the kind of plastics reprocessed was an empty bag which had contained fertiliser and had been abandoned

by a farmer. "We can take it from the corner of a field," he said, "wash, rinse and dry it, and generally reprocess it. What we are left with is usable plastics granules."

Associated Polymers is now negotiating with a number of local authorities in Britain, including the Greater London Council, to take plastics salvaged from their domestic refuse collections.

With a workforce of 30, the Northern Ireland company is planning to process some 6,000 tonnes of plastics waste a year. It hopes to increase the workforce to 70 and to extend its recycling operation to include all types of plastics.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Selective buying again developed on the stock exchange Tuesday after a cautious start, helped by a firm opening on Wall Street late in the afternoon.

Industrial leaders to improve included Imperial Chemical, Beecham, Glaxo, Tube Investment, Bats, and Metal Box. Hawker, the aircraft group, continued to benefit from press comment, while Fisons (chemicals) went ahead in a thin market. The Financial Times Industrial Shares Index was up 7.0 at 407.2.

Building concerns Costain and Taylor Woodrow continued to reflect the Dubai dock agreement.

The "big four" banks showed little reaction to the sharp cut in "Natwest's" profits, and held early gains.

Elsewhere in this sector, Hongkong Shanghai eased. Among mining issues, golds were again easier while De Beers were still unsettled by the events in Africa as were platinum. Tins and coppers held steady.

Oils were mostly firmer except Burmah. Gilts were again bought and finished with gains of three eighths of a point (37.5 pence).

The Japanese list had Honda easing back.

A long, tough drive puts Sudan survey a year ahead

...which had previously been undertaken only by experienced army drivers, and then not without mishap.

Their 26 day trek is regarded as a triumph and finally deserts were made in trying to get to Khartoum.

Duncan Shiell, was one of three surveyors in a field party which for 14 months had been making a survey of Lake Chad from which the first 1:50,000 maps of the lake and its surroundings are being prepared.

The project, funded under British technical assistance arrangements, was made possible by the Sudan Government's decision to undertake a survey of the Lake Chad Basin Commission. This is a joint body formed by Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon & Chad to develop the area around the lake.

Based in N'Djamena, it has plans for fisheries, animal husbandry and afforestation in areas which are liable to flood.

The work has taken the surveyors and their team of 25 locally recruited helpers into the four countries and they had just established an accurate framework of survey stations around the lake.

Their assignment was half-way to completion when a telegram arrived from London. It said: "Possible requirements for your vehicle in Sudan. Let your follow."

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by a swamp. It looked as if the convoy was going to be beaten but the Land-Rovers fanned out and found a firm route across the border over grassy tussocks. In the Sudan members of the party were greeted as if they were intrepid explorers.

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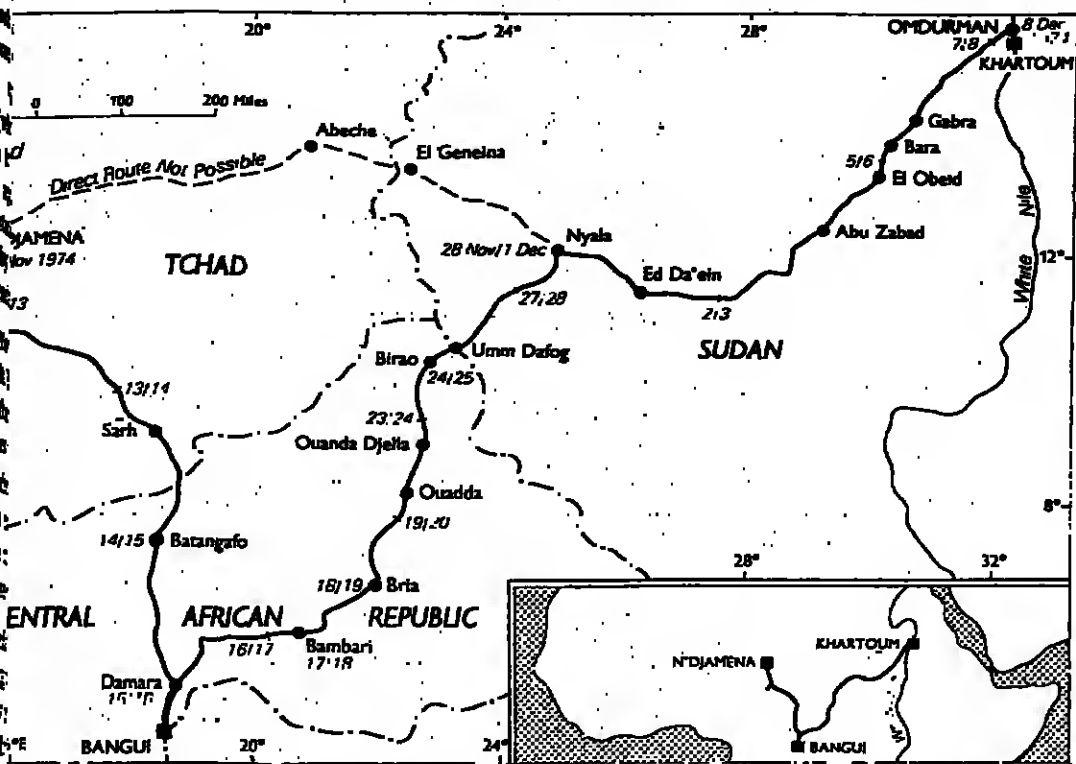
The most desolate section was the last 150km to Omdurman, which was almost bare of vegetation. At Khartoum, 26 days after the start of the trek, they were met by Sudanese drivers who took over the vehicles, which were still in good trim, and drove them to Port Sudan.

A happy feature of the whole journey was the unstinted hospitality pressed on the convoy by villagers who insisted on them stopping for a meal or some tea.

The success of the venture was attributed mainly to the friendly relations and mutual confidence built up between the surveyors and their African staff during fieldwork around Lake Chad. It resulted in the whole survey for the Red Sea Hills project being completed in February 1975 so that the mapmakers in Britain and the Sudan could get ahead of schedule.

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route Duncan Shiell and his team followed during their 26 day journey to Khartoum.

Some of the difficulties encountered during the journey were due to the lack of maps, thick forest, and the fact that the surveyors were not familiar with the terrain. The journey was made possible by the Sudan Government's decision to undertake a survey of the Lake Chad Basin Commission. This is a joint body formed by Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon & Chad to develop the area around the lake.

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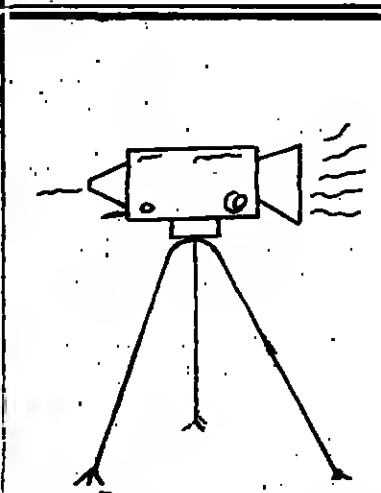
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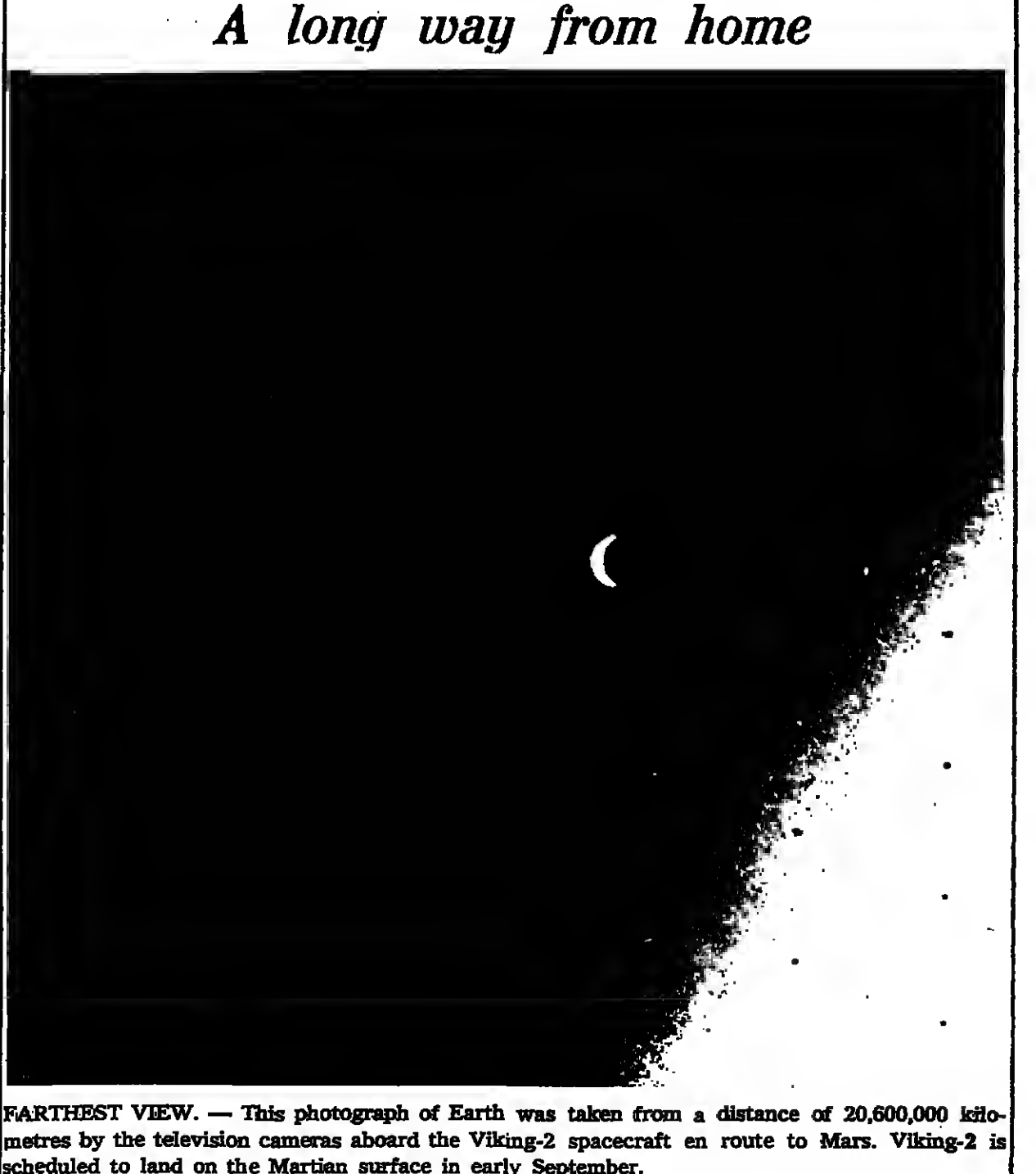
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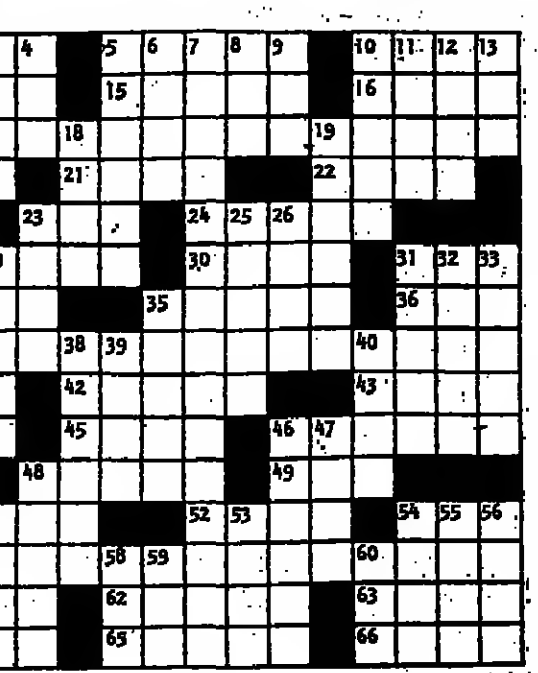


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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Young cow
- 5 Scour
- 10 Noble novelist
- 14 Winged
- 15 Full or flop
- 16 Swan lover
- 17 She succeeded Bess Truman: Full name
- 20 Dickens' Philip Pirrip
- 21 Cub scout groups
- 22 Guesses: Abbr.
- 23 Go to for
- 24 — setter
- 27 Besoms
- 30 "It — Necessarily So"
- 31 Auto
- 34 Roof overhang
- 35 " — Laurie"
- 36 Mrs. McQueen
- 37 Old Glory: 3 wds.
- 41 Sesame
- 42 Love
- 43 Only
- 44 Ostrich call
- 45 Walk in water
- 46 Animals
- 48 Citrus fruit
- 49 Supply with weapons
- 50 Bridge
- 52 Seltzer
- 54 Work out
- 57 Benny Goodman hit: 3 wds.
- 61 Grit
- 62 100 to the pound
- 63 — code
- 64 Stares at
- 65 Wrath
- 66 Plant a lawn

DOWN

- 1 — David
- 2 Jal
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- 5 Bad linen
- 6 To — a phrase
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- 8 Function
- 9 Franklin
- 10 Flounder
- 11 Et
- 12 Poems
- 13 — of 1812
- 18 Dutch cheese
- 19 Miss Prynne
- 23 South African
- 25 Wash out
- 26 First Abbr.
- 27 Vanquishes
- 28 Numerical relationship
- 29 Race tracks
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Nixon gets head-of-state treatment during China visit

PEKING, Feb. 24, (Agencies) — The "private" visit here by former American President Richard Nixon is becoming more glittering every day and now looks like relegating President Gerald Ford's recent official visit to Peking to a second-rate event.

Since his arrival in the Chinese capital three days ago, the man of Watergate has been treated not only like a head of state but also as a "friend" of China, which was far from being the case with President Ford.

The Chinese leaders laid on everything even before the visit began, sending a special plane to bring Mr and Mrs Nixon from California to Peking.

On the couple's arrival, 350 Chinese, including 300 "representatives of the masses" were at the airport to greet Mr Nixon. Those welcoming Mr Ford numbered only 200.

By this evening, Mr Nixon had in three days had about eight hours of political talks, the same duration that his successor in the White House had during the whole of his five-day Peking visit last year.

But the most amazing event since the start of Mr Nixon's second visit here—like the first one, "historic" in more ways than one—was the unprecedented favour offered him this morning by Chinese officials: during a stroll, he was able to mingle with hundreds of Chinese on the enormous Tien An Men Square in the center of Peking.

It was the first time ever in



FRIENDLY MEETING. — Former American President Richard Nixon (right) shakes hands with Chairman Mao Tse-tung in Peking Monday.

People's China that such a scene had occurred between the man in the street and a foreign figure.

As if taking part in presidential primaries for election back to the White House, Mr Nixon relived into the crowd, shaking hands with helmeted workers, patting children's cheeks and flattering pretty girls.

He came out with a few warm phrases that sounded like historic slogans: "I bring you good wishes and friendship from America," "If you come to America I will welcome you," "all of you will come... some day you will come."

Mr Nixon, who appeared older, tired and serious-looking on Sunday, seemed more cheerful and much more self-assured each day thanks to the psychological shock treatment given



COMMUNIST PARLEY. — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev gestures as he delivers his report Tuesday to the 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party in Moscow.

Brezhnev's address reaffirms basic Soviet global posture

(Continued from page 1) ing the Middle East conflict into a political struggle and using separate, partial agreements to put off the real decisions or avoid them altogether.

The danger of war would exist so long as Israel occupied Arab territory and hundreds of thousands of Palestinians deprived of their rights and driven out of their lands, lived in terrible conditions and did not have the opportunity to form their own state, he went on.

The establishment of a stable peace in the Middle East implied, in Mr Brezhnev's view, a guarantee of security for all states there, and the right of each to exist.

"The USSR as co-chairman of the Geneva Conference, is ready to collaborate in all efforts destined to reach a genuine settlement of the conflict," Mr Brezhnev declared.

"We are ready to take part in international guarantees for the security and the inviolability of the borders of all Middle East countries, within the framework of the United Nations or on some other basis," he said.

Mr Brezhnev added that he believed the United States, Britain and France, as well as the Soviet Union should act as guarantors.

Israeli government under attack for "non-belligerency" proposal

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24, (AFP). — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon denied today here that Israeli soundings about a possible non-belligerency agreement with Arab states will contradict efforts for a global Middle East settlement.

He was replying in the Knesset (parliament) to right-wing opposition spokesman Shmuel Tamir who asked what Israel would have left to yield in an overall agreement if it had already given up occupied Arab territories in exchange for non-belligerency only.

The Labour-dominated cabinet announced on Sunday it had asked the US to hold talks with Arab states about a possible non-belligerency agreement. The announcement has brought strong criticism from both left and right.

Mr Tamir accused the government of giving the Americans a carte blanche. The U.S. had renewed its pressure on Israel on the day—last Sunday—when Israeli troop withdrawals officially ended under last September's Sinai disengagement agreement with Egypt, he said.

Among critics of last Sunday's announcement here have been former Labour Defence Minister Moshe Dayan who opposed any withdrawal from the occupied West Bank of the Jordan river in the context of a possible non-belligerency agreement.

U.S. Navy size cut in half

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, (AFP). — The size of the U.S. navy has halved in just seven years, and many military experts believe the situation has now reached danger point. Admiral James Holloway, chief of U.S. Naval Operations says the country's security could now be in danger.

Former Labour Foreign Minister Abba Eban, another critic, has said that in exchange for non-belligerency the Arabs would demand Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank.

"What will then remain to us to negotiate in exchange for peace?" Mr Eban asked.

Mr Allon said Israel had made it clear to the U.S. that the exact definition of the term "to end the state of belligerency" must be agreed on with Israel before the issue could be brought up in negotiations.

"I shall be satisfied if an agreement is achieved with the U.S. on the meaning of the term

and if some Arab would accept this principle," he said. Mr Allon said it was too early to figure out chances of reaching such an agreement, but that it would be tried even if it fails.

According to a legal opinion submitted to the Israeli cabinet, countries are either at war or at peace—there is no in-between state. Thus the nation of a state of war of belligerency) in effect is in a state of peace. Israeli newspapers were highly critical today of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for conceding to U.S. pressure "to the end of belligerency" rather than pressing for peace agreements with Arab countries.

Brazilian Indians on the warpath

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 24, (AFP). — An unidentified Indian tribe has attacked a four-man Brazilian geological team along the trans-Amazonian highway, killing at least two of them, it was announced here today.

A rescue crew sent into the remote jungle area by helicopter found two bodies, riddled with arrows, in a clearing. A third geologist was reported missing.

According to a communication from the National Foundation of Aid to the Indians (FUNAI) the fourth man had managed to escape into the jungle and raise the alarm.

The geologists, employed by the Mineral Resources Research Company, were working between Itaituba and Altamira when the incident occurred.

The influential Haaretz newspaper was apparent during his West trip earlier this month. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's step by step diplomacy in the Middle East was over the time had come for lateral settlements that involve more territorial concessions in exchange for what would be less than contractual.

The daily Yedio Ahava negates the government's own previous concessions and that it has to new concessions with mandating any return.

"The Americans, in negotiations with our neighbor will now decide in our what new political move be made."

"Only one thing is certain: peace will not come. It is represented by a government that is frighteningly Yediot said."

The trade union daily criticised Mr Rabin for conceding readiness for such political move before finishing with Washington act meaning of the term

ASEAN conference ends with wide-ranging agreement

BALI, Feb. 24, (AFP). — The First Summit meeting of the Association of South East Asian Nations ended here today with wide ranging agreements for political, economic, social,

Israel announces defence budget

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It was a record budget in terms of the nominal amount.

The finance minister said the GNP would grow "by only about one per cent" in 1976 and that material difficulties were unavoidable in the next two years, although he expected bigger economic growth from 1978.

But 1975 had seen important achievements in restricting private consumption by Israelis, down five per cent per head.

The minister paid tribute to the U.S. as "a loyal friend." He expected U.S. military aid in 1976 to total \$1,500 million.

Mr Rabinowitz said that defrayment of debts in 1976 would take 21 per cent of budgeted expenditure. The foreign national debt would reach some \$9,000 million by the end of the year, an increase of 1,400 millions over 1975.

Imports would cost \$8,100 million, more than a quarter of this sum going directly or indirectly on defence requirements.

Mr Rabinowitz said the budget indicated Israel's financial difficulties because the country's vast resources were directed "not to export, not to investment, but to ensure the state's very survival."

At the end of last year Israel's foreign national debt had reached \$ 7,600 million and its trade deficit \$ 3,900 million, he said.

cultural and scientific co-operation.

In a joint declaration, the five member countries: the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia said that after eight years the association was ready to move on to a much higher level of co-operation.

A treaty of cooperation and friendship was signed providing for the convening of an ASEAN high council to arbitrate disputes between member countries. The treaty is designed to provide a framework in which differences between member countries can be settled peacefully and preventing their escalation into open conflict.

On the economic front agreement was reached on the establishment of large scale industrial projects in the fields of petrochemicals, steel, rubber, potash, newsprint and tin plate.

Details on these projects are to be discussed at a meeting of ASEAN economic ministers March 8, in Kuala Lumpur. At the same time ministers will take up the questions of preferential trading arrangements between member states and possible measures to intensify production in basic commodities such as food and energy.

Jordanian import laws to encourage W.B. industry

AMMAN, Feb. 24 (R). — The Jordanian authorities issued instructions today on the entry of Arab industrial products from the West Bank to the East Bank of Jordan.

A Government spokesman said the instructions were designed to encourage Arab industry in the West Bank by permitting the marketing of its products in the East Bank. Measures will be taken to make sure that Israeli products or raw materials do not filter into Arab

markets, he added.

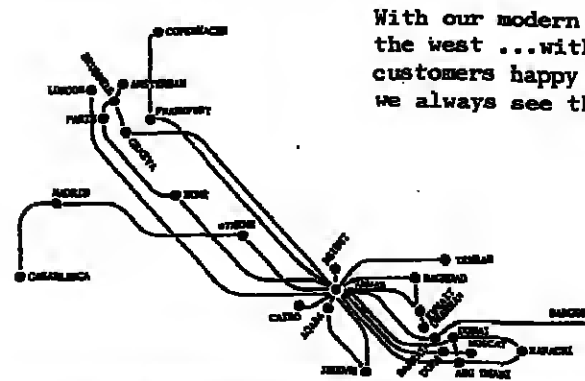
Factories wishing to market their products in the East Bank should be licensed by the Jordanian Ministry of Industry and Commerce in accordance with the laws and regulations in force.

Such factories are permitted to import the necessary raw materials from or through the East Bank. Up to 75 % of a factory's products will be allowed entry into the East Bank, the spokesman said.

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